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GENERAL BEN McCULLOUGH.

The military career of this gallant officer, as evidenced in his brilliant achievements upon our Northwestern frontier, promise to give him a conspicuous and honorable place in the history of the present war. As the eye of the whole nation is now upon him, and a hale of interest every day gathers about his name, a brief narrative of his past adventures may not be amiss. We take advantage of a sketch of his life in compiling this volume to draw his sword in honor of the most degraded and infamous of despots that ever existed on the face of the earth.

General McCullough was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, in 1814. His father, ALEXANDER McCULLOUGH, was aide de camp to General Coffee, and fought under General Jackson at the battles of Talladega, Pensacola and Fort Mifflin.

His father emigrated to the State of Georgia while Ben was quite young, the latter being kept at school in Tennessee until he reached the age of fourteen. He always evinced the most passionate fondness for reading, especially the history of his country, and it is said to have killed as many as thirty of these animals in a single season.

This kind of life inspired young McCullough with a taste for war, and when, with the breaking of the year, he went to an expedition to the Rocky Mountains, and left his home for St. Louis, to join a company of trappers. He arrived to late, however, and was left in joining a company of Santa Fe traders.

He soon returned home, and, nothing daunted by his recent disappointment, called on David Crockett, who was making up an expedition to go to Texas with the view of taking part in the revolution then transpiring in that State.

The whole southwest, it will be remembered, at that time was alive with feelings of sympathy for the Texas, and men were daily flocking to their standard. McCullough was appointed the place of rendezvous from which the expedition was to start, and Christmas of the year 1835 was named for the day of meeting, when McCullough again arrived too late, and upon ascertaining that the party had left, he proceeded by himself on to the river Brazos, where he was taken sick, and remained so until the famous fall of the Texans. He then disappeared, and his recovery was very great, but as the sequel proved, quite fortunate for him, inasmuch as the lamented Texans after having sustained a siege of thirteen days, with only one hundred and eighty Texas against Santa Anna's army, when his brave, though, after having killed one hundred of the enemy.

McCullough soon joined the Texas army under Gen. Houston, and was assigned to the auxiliary service, where he was constituted captain of a gun. He served gallantly at the battle of San Jacinto, where Santa Anna was captured, and his whole army of 1500 men killed or taken prisoners.

Afterward he settled in Gonzales county, Texas, and was employed on the frontier surveying and locating lands. He frequently had border disputes with the Indians, and Mexicans, which service he entered before the celebrated JACK HAY, a fight with the Indians, who at the time burned and sacked the town of Inville. He joined the expedition against Mier, but, after meeting with the plans of the leaders, he returned home before the fight, and escaped the cruel hardships and imprisonment of that command, which had rendered the perdition of AMERICA.

When the war broke out with Mexico he rallied a band of Texas warriors on the banks of the Guadalupe, and set out for the seat of war on the Rio Grande. The company arrived four days after the battles of Palo Alto and the Resaca. His company was accepted by Gen. Taylor, and was afterward employed in the daring scouting expeditions against the Mexicans, in which battle, as well as that of Buena Vista, he was imperishably renowned. He afterward joined General Scott's army, and continued with it to the conquest of the City of Mexico. For his gallant services he was honored with national recognition, and the State Marshal of Texas was given him by President Pierce.

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